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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Add claims 52 and 53.

-- 52 (New) The process of claim 33 wherein the encapsulation efficiency of the physiologically active substance is at least about 67.8%. --

-- 53 (New) The process of claim 1, wherein the mean particle size before cross-flow filtration is within about 1 micron of the mean particle size after cross-flow filtration. --

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-47, and 49-53 are pending. New claims 52 and 53 find support in applicants' specification as filed. Support for encapsulation efficiency of at least about 67.8% is found, for example, on page 48, line 21. Support for mean particle size within about 1 micron

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